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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In October 2015 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dentist **Avery Elmer Harrison** (DE00004619) that reprimands and fines him \$1,000. Harrison was practicing dentistry in Washington for a Nevada company that didn't have a Washington license to practice dentistry, enabling the company's unlicensed practice of dentistry.

Clark County

In November 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Rose Ngo** requiring her to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$500.fine. Ngo doesn't have a license to provide massage, but operates a business advertising massage services.

Cowlitz County

In October 2015 the Psychology Board entered an agreement with psychologist **R Russ** (PY60373444) placing him on probation for at least three years and fining him \$500. In 2015 the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners reprimanded Russ. Washington's Chemical Dependency Professional Program placed his chemical dependency professional credential on probation for at least two years.

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King County

In October 2015 the Surgical Technologist Program charged surgical technologist **Mauri Malta Jr.** (ST60474707) with unprofessional conduct. Malta allegedly practiced beyond the profession's scope during a procedure on a patient's scalp.

In October 2015 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dentist **Charles H. Pan** (DE00007305) that reprimands him, reinstates his license, and places him on probation for at least four years. While Pan's license was suspended in 2014 in connection with infection control deficiencies in his office, he continued practice for several months.

In October 2015 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the credential of dentist **Steve H. Nguyen** (DE00008242).

In November 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Jhinea Martinez** (NC60468750).

In October 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Dawn R. Thompson** that requires her to stop practicing as a health care assistant or as a physician without a license. Thompson must pay a \$3,000 fine. Thompson has no physician credential, but purchased and injected patients with unapproved dermal fillers and used a laser on patients.

In October 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Jennifer Lueng** to stop practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Lueng doesn't have a license to practice, but operates a business advertising reflexology and where an unlicensed employee offered to provide massage services.

In October 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Lucy Njeri Mubeh** (NA60419680) with unprofessional conduct. Mubeh allegedly admitted accepting \$3,500 from a resident at a facility where she worked.

In November 2015 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Weimin Lu** (MA60167775) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Lu operates a business where an unlicensed person provided massage services.

Kitsap County

In October 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Nacole Shanne Kness** (VB60415370, VA60443719) with unprofessional conduct. Kness allegedly admitted stealing narcotics from the pharmacy where she worked.

Okanogan County

In September 2015 the secretary of health denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Francisca Cuin-Angel** (NC60585926), who in 2015 was placed on probation on charges of residential burglary, second-degree theft, and first-degree trafficking in stolen property.

Pierce County

In October 2015 the Dental Commission charged dentist and dentist moderate sedation with parenteral agents permit holder **Raymond F. Wilkinson** (DE00004814, CS10000345) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Wilkinson prescribed, administered, possessed, and stored controlled substances without a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number, and he used a clinic's and another dentist's DEA number to get controlled substances. Charges also say Wilkinson provided treatment below the standard of care to two patients, and placed patients at risk of harm, according to charges.

In October 2015 the Pharmacy Commission conditionally granted a pharmacy technician credential to **Vickie Eileen Reza** (VA60596961), who must comply with conditions on her licensed practical nurse credential.

In November 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Rhonda Joleen Johnston** (CO60591211), placed her credential on probation, and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Johnston was convicted of five felonies, two gross misdemeanors and four misdemeanors between 2000 and 2010.

In November 2015 the Counselor Program entered an agreement with agency affiliated counselor **Warren Terry** (CG60175096) placing him on probation for at least two years. Officials from Western State Hospital, where Terry worked, retrieved cardboard boxes of patient records and confidential health information from Terry's residence.

In November 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Joeseeph Blaine Johnson** (CO60306506).

Snohomish County

In October 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program amended a statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Betty Braling-Kier** (NC10053728) to add legal citations.

In September 2015 the Dental Commission denied a dental assistant credential to **Makenzie Lee Brown** (D160558201). In 2011 she was convicted of fourth-degree assault and driving while intoxicated. In 2013 she was convicted of reckless endangerment.

Thurston County

In October 2015 the Naturopathy Board agreed to reinstate the naturopathic physician credential of **Jamie Anne Doughty** (NT60258519), placed her on probation for at least three years, and prohibited her from recommending or authorizing medical marijuana for the same period. Doughty's license was suspended in June 2015 in connection with issuing medical marijuana authorizations that didn't meet legal requirements.

In November 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Sara June McHugh** (RN60039927) with unprofessional conduct. McHugh allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Whatcom County

In October 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Frank G. Laliberte** (CO60304263).

Out of State

Idaho: In October 2015 the Nursing Commission placed registered nurse **Cheryl L. Lane** (RN00133057) on probation for three years. Lane gave medication to the wrong patient because she didn't verify the patient's identity.

Oregon: In November 2015 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Connie Louise Miyao** (RN60594948) and ordered her to comply with a substance abuse monitoring program. Miyao's Oregon nursing license is on probation because she violated a substance abuse monitoring contract with that state's Board of Nursing.

Utah: In October 2015 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the credential of dentist **Kathleen McCombs O'Dell** (DE60413286).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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